

Affidavit of John H. Marshall, U.S. Navy

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The above named commanders were aware of the brutal treatment received by prisoners from the Japanese Staff and work bosses that were under them- specific cases of brutality aren't mentioned as they happened daily and are too numerous to mention-

Arrived in Japan November 1942-sent to Umeda Bunsho with some 400 officers and men- the majority of us were more dead than alive on arrival. Our American clothes were immediately taken away from us and we were issued one light suit that wasn't suitable for underwear- and nothing more-

My opinion is that none of these men were fit to be sent to work, but we were all sent out to do the hardest work that there was to do- we were working as stevedores in railroad yards in several Osaka stations. Many of these men were suffering from malnutrition, pneumonia, and in general were in a weakened condition-

At these work stations we were beaten, kicked and generally mistreated by the civilian and army men that were in charge. This treatment and the lack of any medical supplies started the deaths of these men- approximately 4 months after our arrival in Osaka about 25% of our men had died-this in my opinion was caused from starvation, exposure, and diseases resulting from malnutrition and the brutal beatings that we suffered.

I was in the Umeda Bunsho for app. two and one half year and during that time I received about 5 individual Red Cross Boxes, 1 pair shoes, 1 suit of clothes, and a few toilet articles.

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There was much Red Cross gear came into our camp and was stolen by the Army men and the commanders of our camp.

The treatment we received became more brutal during the last months of the war- their brutality and treatment was a thermometer to us as it steadily rose with each new landing and the different losses they suffered-
- in Tsuruga, Japan -

We were working on military objectives and subject to bombings until the close of the war- we were ordered to keep working when American bombers were overhead by the Japanese Army personnel and civilians took cover. The commanders of this camp seemed to be trying to move us into the places that were likely to be bombed- they did a fair job of this as they bombed us out of two places and just across the road from the third place during the last two months of the war.

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I failed to mention the 5 months that I spent as a P.O.W. in the Philippines but I feel that this has been covered by men more capable than I. It is my hope that every man, from the highest to the lowest, that had charge of us while in Japan is punished to the fullest extent-

The Japanese are a disgrace to humanity and they have spent over 3 years proving it to me.

I swear the above is correct and hope that it will play some part in bringing about the punishment of these saddists that have been over us-

/s/ John H. Marshall, U.S. Navy
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U.S.A.

Sept. 8, 1945

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A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ Edwin F. Sware
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一九四五年／昭和二十年／九月八日、ケンタッキ
ー州、クツタミアメリカ海軍、ジョン・H・マー
シャル侯述書執筆

日本ニ於テ、俘虜タリシ間受ケタル待遇ー日本、大
阪旅客所、梅田分所、

ムラダ／村田／大佐ー大阪地區俘虜（收容所所長）

ヤマダ／山田／少／中／尉ー（1）梅田分所所長

キナリ／FIRST SERGEANTー（2）梅田分所所長

ナンバ／雄波／／HUMBA／少／中／尉ー（3）梅田分所
所長

上記所長ハ俘虜ガ日本人職員及ビソノ配下ノ作業
監督者ヨリ受ケタル非道ナル待遇ニ関シ知悉シアリ
タリ。ー非道行爲ハ、毎日生起シ且ツアマリニモ多
數ナリシタメ、個々ノ例ハ一々此處ニ擧ゲズー

一九四二年／昭和十七年／十一月日本ニ到着ー約
四〇〇名ノ士官及兵ト共ニ梅田分所ニ送ラルー余等
ノ中、大多數ハ到着セル際殆ド瀕死ノ状態ナリキ。
余等ノアメリカ製ノ着衣ハ直ニ剥ギ取ラレ輕衣一組
ヲ支給セラレタルモ之ハ下着ニモ不適當ナルモノナ
リキーソレ以外ハ何等支給ナシー

余ノ考フル處デハ、余等ノ中一名タリトモ作業ヲ
課セラル、ニ道セザリシモ、全員、實施ヲ必要トセ

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ル最モ過激ナル作業ニ送ラレタリ。一余等ハ若干ノ
大阪市内ノ停車場構内ニテ仲仕トシテ労働セリ。之
等ノ中栄養不良、肺炎ヲ患ヒキタルモノ少カラズ、
且ツ一般ニ衰弱状態ニアリタリ。一

之等ノ作業地ニ於テハ監督ニ當レル民間人及ビ軍
人ニヨリ、余等ハ打タレ、蹴ラレ、且ツ全般ニ亘リ
虐遇セラレタリ。斯カル待遇及ビ醫藥品支給ノ欠除
ノタメ之等ノ者ノ中死亡スル者ヲ生ジタリ。一余等
ノ大阪到着後四ヶ月ニシテ約二割五分ノ死亡者ヲ出
セリ一余ノ見ル所ニヨレバ、之等死亡ハ、飢餓、衣
服ノ不備及ビ余等ノ蒙リタル不良ナル栄養、殘酷ナ
ル殴打ニ由來スル疾病ニ基クモノナリ。

余ハ樺田分所ニアルコト約二年半ニシテ、其ノ間
約五ヶノ個人的赤十字救恤品、靴一足、衣服一着及
ビ若干ノ洗面用品ヲ受取りタリ。多量ノ赤十字物品
カ余等ノ收容所ニ届ケラレタルモ、陸軍ノ兵士及ビ
所長等ニ奪取セラレタリ。

余等ノ受ケタル待遇ハ戦争末期ノ數ヶ月ニ於テ益
々非道トナレリ。一彼等ノ殘酷性ト待遇トハ我々ニ
トツテ寒暖計ノ如キモノナリキ。新上陸及ビ彼等ノ
蒙リタル各種ノ損害ノ度毎ニ確實ニ上昇シ行キタリ一
日本、敦賀ニ於テ一

余等ハ戦争ノ終了迄軍事目標ニテ労働シ且ツ爆撃

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ニ爆撃ヲシメラレタリ。米爆撃機ノ頭上ニ來リ、日
本軍職員及ビ民間人ガ待避セル時モ、余等ハ作業ノ
繼續ヲ命ゼラレタリ。本收容所ノ所長ハ爆撃ヲ受ク
ルト思ハル、如キ地點ヘ余等ヲ移サント努メタル如
ク考ヘラル。一終戦ニ到ルニケ月間ニ余等ハ二ヶ所
ニ於テ爆撃ヲ蒙リ、第三ノ地點ニ於テハ僅カニ道路
一ツヲ隔テテ爆撃セラレタルニ見テモ、彼等ハカナ
リ巧妙ニ取運ビタリト云フベシ。